

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly encourage you to make the recommendations for reform requested by Sherri Lightner and Mitz Lee through her attorney Julie Hamilton.

This redistricting commission experience was nothing like the experience of 2011. The behind-the-scenes manipulations of operatives like Councilmember Chris Cate, Sara Kamiab and Ryan Clumpner in which they sought to pay for redistricting commission testimony that they composed are appalling. Additionally, Biocom endeavored to hijack the proceedings in order to advance their business interests and make District 6 their district. They were successful with the exception of the UCSD campus and the community of Torrey Hills.

Redistricting is about citizens, not business interests. The City should implement reforms to ensure that the next redistricting process is a transparent one that is dedicated to the residents of San Diego and not exploited by the subterranean improprieties of partisan and development interests for their own profit.

Hopefully, the truth about this redistricting process and what occurred out of public view will come to light.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burton